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AND HEAT PROCESSING METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.